

# Statewide Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan Policy Committee Meeting

January 15, 2003  
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## Summary

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 AM by Chairperson Julia Connally.

There was no public comment.

Mary Lynn Tischer gave a presentation on "**Performance Based Planning and Programming**". The questions of "Where are we going with performance based planning and programming?", "Exactly how is it going to be implemented?" and "What will it lead to?" were posed by the committee after the presentation.

Kathy Graham presented information on **Statewide Planning in other states**. States reviewed were Florida, Washington and Pennsylvania. Questions pertaining to this presentation are as follows:

"What was the timing of the planning process? Have the various states had the opportunity to determine the effectiveness of their process?"

"How did the regional land use issues drive the plan?"

"Were the plans produced by consultants or by the agencies themselves?"

"How representative are these plans of the state government's organization?"

"What is the relationship between the planning and the legislative processes?"

A study conducted by the Research Council entitled "Survey of Statewide Multimodal Transportation Planning Practices" will be made available to the committee. (See attachment in e-mail)

A suggestion was made to arrange for a representative from Pennsylvania to speak to the committee.

Jerry Sears gave a presentation on the **MPO planning process**. Key elements of this presentation were:

- the MPO planning process
- number and location of MPO's in Virginia
- make-up of MPO
- MPO responsibilities
- TMA's

Mary Lynn Tischer presented information on the **long-range planning process carried out by each mode** represented in the statewide long-range planning

process. A request was made to prepare a matrix showing the various federal and state funding sources used by the state's modal agencies.

Mary Lynn Tischer reviewed the desired **end products** for the statewide planning process. These include policy direction, process improvement and implementation. The question was asked as to how performance based planning relates to these end products. Ms. Tischer explained that the decision to use performance based planning is a policy decision, and that its use would result in a process improvement.

The last item on the agenda, an overview of the **Work Plan**, will be presented at the February 20, 2003 meeting. If you need a replacement of the handout to review before the next meeting, please let Kathy Graham know.

Hand-outs were distributed for the above presentations. If anyone would like copies, please let Kathy Graham know and they will be sent to you.

Unanswered questions will be researched and the committee will be supplied with the findings.

During the **General Discussion**, there were questions pertaining to the Policy Committee focus and where the committee would like to go with the Statewide Plan, as well as how that will be achieved. The specific question of "Should the state role in providing certain services, such as rail, be discussed in the context of the policy component of the long range plan?" Secretary Clement responded that making recommendations to the Governor such as this is one role of the committee. It was decided that a portion of the February meeting would be devoted to further this discussion.

Due to the anticipated work to be accomplished in a short timeframe, the Policy Committee meeting schedule has been expanded to meet every month (previously set to meet every other month). It was decided that for these added meetings (even months), the committee should meet directly after the CTB meeting that occurs on the third Thursday of each month. For those not attending the CTB meeting, it is anticipated that the meeting will begin at 11:00 AM. You will be informed of the location as soon as it is arranged. For your convenience, the 2003 schedule is included below.

February 20  
March 19  
April 17  
May 14\* (correction from previous schedule)  
June 19  
July 16

August 21  
September 17  
October 16  
November 19  
December 18

**Action Items**

- Prepare matrix illustrating funds received by each mode and their source (technical committee)
- Distribute copy of "Survey of Statewide Multimodal Transportation Planning Practices" (Kathy Graham)
- Review Work Plan (all)

**Next meeting – February 20, 2003**

- Discussion, Work Plan
- Presentation, Roger Stough  
Mr. Stough is a professor at George Mason University. His presentation will address issues of sprawl, the relationship between transportation and communication, the rising complexity of transportation decision-making, and how land use regulations impact transportation decisions.
- Discussion, Policy Issues to be Addressed in Plan

**Committee Members in Attendance**

Gerald McCarthy  
Julia Connally  
James Keen  
J. Kenneth Klinge  
Harry Lester  
Hunter Watson  
John Milliken  
Charles Macfarlane  
Karen Rae  
Jeff Southard (for Philip Shucet)  
Ralph Davis

**Others in Attendance**

Whitt Clement  
Mary Lynn Tischer  
Chip Badger  
Gus Robey  
Marsha Fiol  
Frankie Giles  
Cliff Burnette  
Jim Bland  
Jerry Sears  
George Conner  
Ken Lantz  
Katherine Graham  
Kimberly Spence